



# Foreign Affairs Manual

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## **7 FAM 1300 APPENDIX R POSSESSION OF MORE THAN ONE PASSPORT BOOK**

### **Changes**

#### **1. Summary:**

**The major policy change in this draft is the significant liberalization of the second passport policy:**

- Applicants who demonstrate an ongoing need to obtain multiple visas may be issued a second passport book;
- Applicants are no longer required to change their itineraries or have their current passport book canceled to avoid the issuance of a second passport book; and
- Applicants can be issued a second passport book to avoid the cancelation of a passport book containing a valid visa.

**Other major policy/procedural changes in this draft include:**

- The circumstances in which the Department will not authorize issuance of a second passport book
- The issuance of second diplomatic, official, or no-fee regular passport books
- Suspense procedures for second passport book requests

#### **Appendix R Exhibits:**

- The Information Request Letter (IRL) exemplars exhibits have been removed and replaced with links to the CAWeb IRL Index. This change considerably shortened the appendix

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